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SUBJECT: SOMALIA - UNGA Attendance by President Sharif

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¶1. On September 4, the Somali Embassy in Nairobi provided us with a list of the Transitional Federal Government delegation that will represent Somalia at the 64th UN General Assembly. The delegation will be led by President Sharif Sheikh Ahmed who plans to arrive in New York the morning of September 24. President Sharif indicated that during his trip, he would like to travel to Washington to meet with senior U.S. officials. The TFG delegation also plans to travel to other U.S. states, including Minnesota and Ohio, where there are large communities of Somalis. At this time, the delegation does not have a specific itinerary. We will communicate it septel as soon as the details become available.

¶2. The following responses are keyed to reftel questions in para 9.

¶A. The Head of State plans to attend UNGA:

- Sharif Sheikh Ahmed, President of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia
- Arrival in New York is scheduled September 24 at 0745. There are no additional details on his itinerary currently available.
- The spouse of President Sharif will not travel to New York.
- Interpretation in either Somali or Arabic would be required in both a bilateral or multilateral meeting.

¶B. President Sharif is both the Head of State and the Head of Government.

¶C. The Foreign Minister plans to attend UNGA:

- Ali Ahmed Jama Jangeli, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Foreign Minister plans to arrive on/about September 24, but we have not yet received a detailed itinerary for his visit.
- The spouse of the Minister does not plan to travel to New York.
- Interpretation would not be required for either bilateral or multilateral meetings.

¶D. The other VIPs who plan to attend UNGA follow:

- Sharif Hassan Sheikh Aden, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
- Mohamed Abdi Mohamed, Minister of Air and Land Transport
- Faduma Abdullahi Mohamud, Member of Parliament
- Farah Ahmed Omar, Commander in Chief of Somali Navy & Coastal Guard
- Abdulkareem Hassan Jama, Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to the

President

-- Ambassador Mohamed Ali Nur, Somali Ambassador to Kenya

-- Mukhtar Ainashe, Director of Institutional Development

-- Mursal Mohamud Saney, Advisor to the President

-- Sharif Mohamed Mohamud, Protocol Officer

-- Abdullahi Ali Anod, ADC Officer to the President

-- Mohamed Haji Abdi Nur, PA to the Minister of Finance

[1](#)E. The Foreign Ministry official responsible for IO affairs has no plans to attend UNGA.

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